

## TEAMS SEEKING FIRST BASEMEN

Strenuous Search for Men Who Will Make Good in Big Leagues.

New York, January 1.—Good first basemen at a premium in the two big leagues. For more than two years the managers of most of the major league teams have been scouring the minors for material that will fit in at first. The local teams are well supplied with first basemen. Fred Morley fills the bill for the Giants and Jake Daubert, for Brooklyn, last season demonstrated that he is the class of the National League. Ed Chase, of the Highlanders, called "King of First Basemen," has promised to work his head off for Manager Harry Wolverton. No more need be said. The Highlanders team will be all right at the first sack.

Both the Chicago teams have been looking over the youngsters very carefully for such a player. The disposition of Frank Chase last spring left the first corner of the famous old club without a high grade man, and the departure of Frank Ithell two years ago left the White Sox destitute of a seasoned man.

The Chicago teams are not alone in the hunt. The Pirates, Tigers, Browns, Senators, Naps and Boston Braves are all seeking a first baseman who can be depended on for a steady wallop and a thinking part when it comes to fielding the ball.

The Cincinnati Reds, St. Louis Cardinals, the Champion Athletics and Boston Red Sox will have men at first base the coming season that they can rely on, but in the other clubs the initial base will have to be looked after by inexperienced men, with the possible exception of the Cubs in case Chance returns to take care of his old job.

The search of first basemen is easily explained. It is one of the hardest positions on the team to fill, for it is necessary to have physical qualifications as well as mental to come up to the standard required by most of the managers.

Bill Men, like Konechky of the Cardinals, Hoblitzel of the Reds, and Chase of the Highlanders, are necessary in order to properly handle the high and low throws and to guard themselves against the base runners.

To find a fielding star and a man that can hit the ball as well as act with necessary intelligence is about as hard a proposition as it would be to try to buy Christy Mathewson from John McGraw.

Fred Clarke, of the Pirates, is making a strenuous effort to land a first baseman for the Pirates that will make good. His team has been in that position for years because he has failed to find a youngster that could fill the place, although he has spent many thousands of dollars in the quest. It has been reported that Clarke has offered the Toronto International League Club \$7500 for Tim Jordan, but Manager Joe Kelly, of the Maple Leafs, says he has never heard of the offer.

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## NO MORE GAMES FOR MANY PLAYERS

Magnates, Active Stars and Retired Veterans Expired During 1911.

New York, January 1.—In the necrology of the world of sports during 1911 many well-known names are found. Especially in the realm of baseball several prominent figures passed away.

The National League was a heavy sufferer, having lost Stanley Robison, owner of the St. Louis Cardinals; William (Ephraim) Russell, president of the Boston Rustlers; and Frank S. Elliott, vice-president of the Philadelphia club.

The active players who passed away during the year included Addie Joss, the well-known pitcher of the Cleveland Americans; George M. (Lefty) Craig, pitcher of the Indianapolis club; the American Association; Napoleon (Pop) Lessard, pitcher of the Columbus American Association team; Michael Smalling, first baseman in the American Association.

Others were Simon Nicholas, shortstop and captain of the Baltimore Eastern League club; Herman Priepke, second baseman of the Utica team of the New York State League; Arthur Brown, first baseman of the Albany team of the New York State League; and Harry Hammond, who has played with various teams of the Southern League and American Association.

In addition to the active players

others who had figured prominently

in the national game in the days gone by passed away during the year.

Among these were Robert Caruthers, famous as a pitcher for the St. Louis Browns in the nineties and later an umpire in the American and minor leagues; William (Dad) Clarke, at one time a star pitcher of the New York Nationals; Jack Rowe, who was one of the 1886 "big four" of the Detroit team; John Y. Radcliffe, who played with the old Athletics of Philadelphia.

## AMUSEMENTS

Hilou—Silver Threads, matinee and night.

Introduce You Back.

Miss Della Clark undoubtedly has the courage of her convictions, which compel her to believe that she has sufficient versatility and ability both to write plays and to star in them. Two years ago she appeared here as the star in a gloomy absurdity from her own pen, entitled "The White Squaw," which she optimistically described as a "romantic drama." Yesterday she appeared in the new year at the Academy of Music with another effort of her own—this time a comedy called "Introduce Me," in which she also starred herself.

There must be some comedy in the piece, for the house laughed a number of times, particularly at the numerous "cuss words" indulged in by the characters of both sexes—the word "damn" is always good for a laugh in the theatre, especially if it is used when women are in the scene. But the play is so badly conceived, so utterly lacking in action, in cleverness, in coherence, and in the element of surprise that only the efforts of a fairly good supporting company made its performance even bearable.

Miss Clark's comedy work seemed to amuse some of the audience, but her one emotional bit relentlessly reminded one of those weeping heroines in such masterpieces as "Nellie, the Beautiful Clown Model."

Miss Clara Kroll, a good deal of teeth and some handsome clothes, and besides, played the part of Edna Somers; Henry W. Pemberton was surprisingly good as George Nicol—surprisingly good, because most of his work heretofore has been as a heavy; A. C. Rivers gave a faultless performance of the butler's role, while Jessie Morris Sullivan, doubling as the negro servant and as the old aunt, proved herself to be a clever character woman.

The furniture carried by the company and the newly upholstered sofa and chairs belonging to the house screamed at each other.

But Miss Clark dressed well.

W. D. G.

"Silver Threads" Enjoyable.

Richard J. Jose, advertised as the "World's Greatest Contra Tenor," came to the Hilou last night to begin a week's engagement in the pastoral drama, "Silver Threads," which happens to be the title name of one of the songs which made Mr. Jose famous in the long ago, when he was a member of a minstrel troupe. Unfortunately, both for Mr. Jose and for the people who went to see and hear him, he was unable to sing, because of an attack of laryngitis, which has left his vocal chords in such a weakened condition that the sweetest melodies with which his name is linked were left unsung.

However, Mr. Jose has a performance, which, while it might be made more attractive were he able to pipe the melodies named in the program as his part of the entertainment, still gives the audience something to enjoy and something to think about. At the matinee yesterday, an announcement made from the stage told of Mr. Jose's illness, but he nevertheless tried his best to render "Silver Threads." His effort was received with applause, and he managed to bring back memories of those other days when he made those who listened turn frequently to their kerchiefs to dry a tear.

"Silver Threads," as written by Martin V. Morley, is of the type of "The Old Homestead." An honest blacksmith, an intruding orphan, a susceptible maid, and the scenario of the play is told. Only there happened to be two susceptible maids instead of one. The elder of the writer of love stories, while the other was saved only by the return of the elder sister, grown wise in the ways of the world, with a reputation as a singer of grand opera.

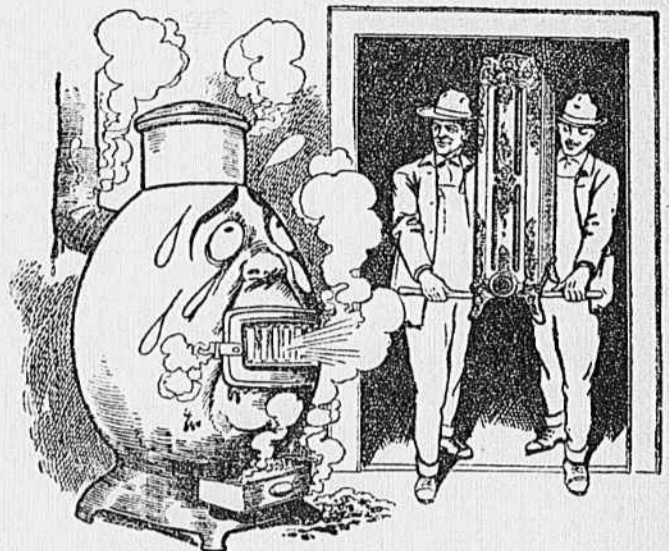
Mr. Jose is the star, but Anne Hollinger, first lady, and later as the opera singer, makes a good second to his work. L. Blunden, as John Lauri, father of the erring girl, is also good, while Ruth Copley, is just one of the sweetest ingenues imaginable. Mac—Mac is spelled Maf in the program—was a waiting old-maid sister, as good as one can get, and far better than most of those we see. The rest of the cast is sufficient. The play is in four acts, each of which is well acted.

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G. M.

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## News of South Richmond

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If the recommendation of Police Commissioner Bradley, of Washington, D. C., is adopted, the Third District, which is wholly in South Richmond, will shortly be augmented by the addition of a patrol wagon. That the southside is in need of the

## THE WEATHER.

Forecast for Virginia—Fair Tuesday; Wednesday unsettled, not much change in temperature; light, variable winds.

North Carolina—Cloudy, not much change in temperature Tuesday and Wednesday; moderate north and northeast winds.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature	42
3 P. M. temperature	42
Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M.	42
Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M.	37
Mean temperature	41
Normal temperature	41
Excess in temperature	3
Deficiency in temperature	11
March 1	52
Accum. excess in temperature since January 1	3
Deficiency in rainfall since March 1	5.31
Accum. deficiency in rainfall since January 1	11
Local Observation 8 P. M. Yesterday.	
Temperature	37
Humidity	75
Wind—direction	N. E.
Wind—velocity	8
Weather	Partly cloudy

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Ther. H. T. L. T.	Weather.
Asheville	31 28 30	P. cloudy
Atlanta	34 30 32	Cloudy
Atlantic City	38 34 31	Cloudy
Boston	39 35 30	Clear
Buffalo	30 28 28	Cloudy
Calgary	8 14 8	P. cloudy
Chapel Hill	40 36 30	Cloudy
Chicago	16 16 8	Clear
Denver	20 30 30	Clear
Galveston	48 42 44	Rain
Hartford	34 30 31	Rain
Havre	10 16 8	Cloudy
Jacksonville	52 58 52	Rain
Kansas City	22 24 8	Cloudy
Louisville	32 28 22	Cloudy
Montgomery	40 38 40	Cloudy
New Orleans	48 46 46	P. cloudy
New York	32 28 28	Clear
Norfolk	40 48 40	Cloudy
Oklahoma	34 36 34	Cloudy
Pittsburgh	28 34 31	Clear
Raleigh	42 46 42	Cloudy
St. Louis	30 32 16	Cloudy
St. Paul	-8 -2 -14	Clear
San Francisco	52 52 48	Cloudy
Savannah	48 52 48	Cloudy
Spokane	12 12 -2	Snow
Tampa	58 64 58	Rain
Washington	34 34 31	Clear
Wilmington	32 32 -8	Clear
Wynneville	26 36 26	P. cloudy

patrol was amply shown during the Christmas holidays, when a grocery wagon had to be fitted up with a bench and cracker box for seats and used to bring unruly citizens to the police station.

Captain A. S. Wright in discussing this need of the police, said that if time it takes the automobile patrol to reach the Southside on a call. Not only must the automobile be summoned on arrests, but it makes a daily trip to the police station to the City Jail. He is of the opinion that if the patrol is put over here on trial it will soon demonstrate its usefulness, not only in caring for arrests, but in handling many cases that now require the services of the ambulance.

In Police Court.

On a double charge of being disorderly on the street and wading down the street, Harry Holland was yesterday fined \$17 and costs by Justice John Baughan, in Police Court, Part 2. Holland, who was arrested Sunday, it is alleged, smashed up a chair and slashed a coat at the Third Police Station.

Clarence E. Wood, for engaging in a street fight was required to donate \$2.50 and costs.

Jim Pryor, Henry Chandler and John Sawyer, all colored, the Tanyard Bottom contingent, were each assessed \$5 and costs for engaging in a certain game of chance called crap.

Courtney Spruer and Mary Coleman, who appeared on charges preferred in cross warrants, of cursing, abusing and threatening to do bodily harm, were penalized \$5 and costs, as was Oscar Fortune, colored, who answered to a similar charge.

Sylvester Goodie and Douglas, both negroes, while full of New Year's cheer, fell foul of each other, and while neither is in the heavyweight class, it was said to have been "some scrap."

Lodge Meeting.

The visiting committee of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, composed of five members each from Davis Council, No. 2; Liberty Council, No. 13, and New South Council, No. 8, will hold its first regular meeting with the Davis Council, Eighth and Hull Streets, Thursday night, January 4. The program committee has arranged for the entertainment of the members, and an interesting time is anticipated. All members of the order are invited to be present.

Wicked, but Is Thirsty Yet.

Perhaps the meanest track ever played on a white man was played in South Richmond Sunday, and the fact that the police are enjoying the joke is the only reason the perpetrators are still enjoying their liberty. A thirsty citizen, who was not very far sighted, found himself dry and all bars closed. Being a knowing one he hastened to an upper Hull Street resort, where an

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being admitted he indulged in a broad wink, and on being answered in kind passed over the door, and another wink passed out the back door, and although considerable time elapsed he has not yet returned with the drink.

While the thirty one was telling his sad tale to Captain A. S. Wright, in walked another complainant, who had lost 50 cents in the same way and place. Captain Wright offered the men his sympathy. It is thought by the police that the mean party has gone to North Carolina. However, they now hold a warrant for his arrest, sworn out by R. A. Underwood, who is more than indignant at the loss.

Sunday-School Officers.

At the election of Sunday-school officers held Sunday at the Central Methodist Church, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: A. A. Campbell, superintendent; C. W. Schadt, assistant superintendent; J. J. Jowett, treasurer; Berkeley Adams, secretary; William Gibbs, assistant secretary; Ingram Taylor, librarian; Linwood Adams, first assistant librarian; Charles Adams, second assistant librarian; Miss Janie Walker, pianist; Miss Laura Owens, first assistant pianist; Miss Ida Adams, second assistant pianist.

Death of Mrs. Pemberton.

Mrs. R. A. Pemberton, eighty years old, widow of W. H. Pemberton, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. B. Pender, 1720 Buchanan Street. She is survived by three children: R. L. Pemberton, of Peachmont, Va.; C. M. Pemberton, of Rocky Mount, N. C.; and Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, of South Richmond. The funeral will be conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home, the Rev. H. C. Puffer officiating. The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Funeral of Mrs. Duminviant.

The funeral of Mrs. W. H. Duminviant, of 6 East Fourth Street, will be held this afternoon from Stockton Street Baptist Church, the Rev. J. T. Halsey officiating. The burial will be in Maury Cemetery.

Death of B. L. Taylor.

B. L. Taylor, second at his residence, at 232 Perry Street, Swansboro, Sunday at 1:30 o'clock. Besides his wife he leaves three daughters, four sons and two brothers.

Colored Barber Dead.

Richard Baker, one of the oldest colored barbers in the city, died Saturday morning at 7:15 o'clock after a short illness. He was one of the most highly respected colored men in the Southside, where he had been in business for the past thirty years. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the First Baptist Church (colored), the Rev. D. A. Hines officiating.

Personal and General.

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No More "Tips" From Traveling Salesmen

New York, January 1.—As a New Year's resolution, the thousands of traveling salesmen who comprise the Commercial Travelers' National League have decided to stop tipping hotel help, barbers, Pullman car porters, and every one else, according to the president of the league, P. E. Dove, of this city. "From to-day on," said Mr. Dove, "the crusade against tipping will be waged in earnest, for the vicious habit of tipping customarily has fully that the time to break the habit which binds is now or never."

morial Church will hold a social meeting Thursday night at the residence of Mrs. Florence Atkins, 1515 Porter Street. This meeting is of great importance. The missionary boxes for the year will be opened.

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry of the Meade Memorial Church will be held this evening at the church.

Albert Dwyer, 1511 at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Donnelly, 112 Porter Street, W. A. Sullivan, formerly of Perry Street, who has been ill at the Virginia Hospital for about five weeks, has returned to his home in Highland Park, where he is still confined to his bed.

Mr. and P. C. Zylster, of East Twelfth Street, have returned from a visit to Stuart Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., will be at its weekly meeting to-night.

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